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### 1. CHINA

TUES S CHINA MORNING POST SAYS SENIOR LEFTIST CHINESE  
LEADERS FROM HK/MACAO ARE IN CANTON FOR BRIEFINGS ON CCP  
POLICIES, "GANG OF FOUR'S" CRIMES (REUTER HK).

IN EXCERPT FROM HER FORTHCOMING BOOK, JULIE NIXON EISENHOWER  
SAYS MAO TOLD HER HE WAS "DISAPPOINTED" WITH PRC YOUTH  
AND UNCERTAIN ABOUT SUCCESS OF HIS REVOLUTION (WP, NYT).

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AT START OF YEMENI LEADER'S PEKING VISIT MONDAY, PRC LAUNCHED  
STRONG ATTACK ON SOVIET ME POLICY, CHARGING MOSCOW DOING  
EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO SOW DISCORD, PROVOKE CIVIL WAR,  
PLOT ARMED SUBVERSION IN AREA (REUTER PHINQ, NYT).

### 2. INDOCHINA

HANOI CONGRESS ENDS, CHANGES PARTY NAME TO CP OF VN, AGREES  
ON NEW 5-YR PLAN, RE-ELECTS SOME VETERAN LEADERS (AP; AP,

SUN). ANDELMAN (NYT) NOTES LE DUAN CONFIRMED AS TOP LEADER, POLITBURO/CENTRAL CMTE EXPANDED, DOMINATED BY NORTHERNERS. SAYS NEW INSPECTION CMTE NAMED, APPARENTLY TO PURGE PARTY RANKS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. POINTS OUT NLF'S NGUYEN HUU THO NOT INCLUDED IN POLITBURO/CENTRAL CMTE. NYT LISTS MEMBERS EXPANDED POLITBURO.

GWERTZMAN (NYT) REPORTS BAEZ/ELLSBERG/BERRIGAN/OTHER ANTI-WAR ACTIVISTS SENT VN LTR LEADERS ASKING ON-SPOT INVESTIGATION BY UN/AMNESTY INTL/OTHER INDEPENDENT AGENCIES TO ASSURE THOSE HELD IN DETENTION CENTERS BEING TREATED IN ACCORDANCE W/INTL COVENANTS REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. NOTES SANE LTR SENT IN OCT TO VN'S UN OBSERVER, BUT NO REPLY RECEIVED. SANE'S GOTTLIEB ADMITS PAUCITY CONFIRMED INFO; BUT US CONTINUES RECEIVE REPORTS ARRESTS/OTHER REPRESSIVE ACTS THAT FORCE THOUSANDS FLEE.

### 3. THAILAND

MCARTHUR (LAT 12/19) REPORTS TEMCO AFFAIR NOW APPEARS IN HAND, ENDING BUSINESS WAR THAT STALLS FOREIGN INVESTMENT. DESCRIBES HISTORY OFFSHORE TIN MINING CONCESSION BEING LOOTED BY HUNDREDS PIRATE OPERATORS. REVOCATION CONCESSION FOR QUESTIONABLE VIOLATION SHOOK BANGKOK FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, RESULTED IN MINING AREA BEING LOOTED BY GUN-TOTING ILLEGAL MINERS WHO SUMUGGLED TIN TO MALAYSIA. MENTIONS NEW TERMS AMOUNT TO PROFIT-SHARING DEAL SATISFACTORY TO EVERYONE.

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TORY TO EVERYONE.

### 4. JAPAN

INFORMED SOURCES SAY FUKUDA PLANS HOLD WASHINGTON TALKS W/CARTER AT EARLY DATE. BELIEVES MANAGEMENT DOMESTIC POLITICS/ECONOMICS INSEPARABLE FROM INTL SITUATION (REUTER TOKYO).

THARP (CSM TOKYO) REPORTS FUKUDA WILL BE "CROWNED" THURS AS NEXT POL LEADER. REVIEWS MIKI-FUKUDA BEHIND-SCENES RIVALRY, EVENTS LEADING TO MIKI'S RESIGNATION. ADDS FUKUDA PROMISES REFORM LDP/ELIMINATE FACTIONS, BUT OHIRA ALREADY NAMED LDP SEC GEN, MOST CABINET POSTS EXPECTED BE FILLED FROM OTHER STRONG FACTIONS, INCL TANAKA'S.

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) REPORT JCS, ON BASIS FE STRATEGIC STUDY, WILL RECOMMEND TO CARTER THAT US HANG ON TO OKINAWA NUKE BASES.

DUE INTL CRITICISM RE EXPORT ACTIVITIES, JAPAN TURNING TO DOMESTIC SECTOR IN ORDER GENERATE ECON GROWTH NEXT YEAR. MEASURES INCLUDE EXTRA 430 MIL DOLS IN PUBLIC

WORKS FUNDS, LARGE TAX REDUCTION DESIGNED STIMULATE CONSUMER SPENDING (WSJ). JAPANESE CABINET APPROVED PLAN 12/21 WILL GO BEFORE DIET IN JAN (REUTER TOKYO). HITACHI SIGNS 34.5-MIL-DOL CONTRACT W/ECUADOR FIRM TO BUILD SUGAR MFG PLANT (NYT).

ANDERSON (LAT 12/20) REPORTS US' DEMAND FOR HONDA AUTOS OUTSTRIPPED PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN JAPAN. US DEALERS PLEADING FOR MORE CARS ALONG WITH EUR/CANADA DEALERS. OVER 50,000 MORE CARS SOLD THIS YEAR THAN LAST.

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YUN PO SUN, SK'S ONLY LIVING PAST PRES, OFFERED ACCEPT DEATH SENTENCE IN EXCHANGE FREEDOM FOR 17 YOUNGER CO-DEFENDENTS AT DISSIDENTS' TRIAL IN SEOUL (WP).

JAMESON (LAT TOKYO 12/19) DOES ARTICLE ON DIFFICULTY OBTAINING INFO FROM NK. STATES VISITORS SHOWN LITTLE/TOLD EVEN LESS. JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN/POLITICIANS/NEWSMEN PROVIDE HEAVIEST NON-COMMUNIST INTERCHANGE W/NK, BUT FEW PUBLICLY MAKE UNFAVORABLE COMMENTS. ECON FACTS EQUALLY AS SECRET. ESTIMATES BASED ON 1970 FIGURES SHOW 1971-76 INDUSTRIAL GROWTH RATE 10-12 PCT; NK CLAIMS 18.4 PCT FOR SAME PERIOD.

6. ANP

INTL AIR TRANSPORT ASSN DECIDED TUES THAT AIR FARES FROM AUSTRALIA WILL RISE 10 PCT FROM FEB 1, TO COUNTER DEVALUATION AUSSIE DOLLAR; INCREASE WILL ALSO APPLY TO CARGO RATES (REUTER SYDNEY).

NZ PREMIER MULDOON OFFICIALLY CLEARED TUES OF BREACH OF CONFIDENCE IN TELLING PARLIAMENT THAT FORMER LABOUR GOVT MINISTER MOYLE HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY POLICE ON SUSPICION OF HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR (REUTER WELLINGTON).

SEN INOUE SAYS HIS SENATE SELECT CMTE ON INTELLIGENCE WILL HOLD HEARINGS BEGINNING JAN 10 ON REPORTS CIA HAS CONDUCTED SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES IN MICRONESIA (WOODWARD, WP).

LAT'S HULSE REPORTS APIA (W SAMOA) SCENE CHANGING, WITH TOURISTS MOVING IN, MODERN HOTEL BEING BUILT, PROMOTERS ENVISIONING JUNKETS TO NEIGHBOR ISLANDS (12/19).

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INDO OFFICIALS EXPECTED MEET JAKARTA DEC 28-9 TO DECIDE  
HOW MUCH RAISE OIL PRICES IN RESPONSE LAST WK'S 2-TIER  
OPEC BOOST (WSJ).

8. GENERAL

WORLD'S INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS SIGN AGREEMENT POOL SOLAR  
ENERGY KNOWLEDGE TO LESSEN NEED FOR OIL. INTL ENERGY  
AGENCY ACCORD COORDINATE RESEARCH ON BUILDING HEATING/  
COOLING. SIGNATORIES INCL JAPAN/NZ/US/OTHERS (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA

EADS (WP) DESCRIBES LAOS UNDERTAKING "HUMBLE REVOLUTION  
IN A SHABBY SHANGRI-LA," W/SELF-RESPECT/SELF-RELIANCE  
WATCHWORDS. SEES FOOD BEING GROWN EVERYWHERE TO AVOID  
DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS. POINTS OUT MOST OF 100,000 LAO-  
TIAN WHO FLED WERE SKILLED/EDUCATED/TRADERS/ENTREPRENEURS,  
SO MANY BUSINESSES CLOSED. QUOTES ADB THAT COUNTRY HAS  
VALUABLE RESOURCES, BUT GOVT OFFICIALS "WILL-OF-THE-WISPS";  
UN OFFICIAL SAYS LAOTIANS HI ON POLITICS/LO ON ADMIN/TECH  
EXPERTISE. ADDS CHINESE SAY LAOS TRADED 1 BUNCH IMPERIA-  
LISTS FOR ANOTHER, W/300 RUSSIANS IN COUNTRY, MORE COMING.  
FINDS REVOLUTION GENTLE/SOMEWHAT BEMUSED.

10. PHILIPPINES

YATES (CHITRIB) NOTES ANTI-US SENTIMENT IN CONTROLLED  
PRESS, SO VIEWED AS OFFICIAL GOP LINE. SAYS FOREIGN  
CORRESPONDENTS IRRITATE GOVT BY WRITING OF SYSTEMATIC POL  
REPRESSION BY MARCOS. ADDS PHIL PRESS INCENSED BY REPORTS  
PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON BASES IN EXCHANGE MIL/ECON AID.  
REPORTS GOVT DENIES ATTEMPT ENCOURAGE ANTI-US SENTIMENT,  
JUST "FIGHTING BACK."  
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TONGE (CSM) DESCRIBES IMPORTANCE/USES LOCAL FRUIT, INCL  
BANANA/PINEAPPLE/COCONUT.

11. MALAYSIA

CSM SPEC SAYS INTENSE POWER STRUGGLE GOING ON THAT MAY  
COST COUNTRY REPUTATION FOR POL STABILITY. TRACES HISTORY  
STRIFE BETW RAZAK/RAHMAN; CLOSE RAZAK ASSOCIATES RETAINED  
BY ONN, BUT RAHMAN CAMP MOVING AGAINST THEM W/COMMUNIST  
CHARGES. WITCHHUNT POSSIBLE. AT SAME TIME, CASE DATUK  
HARUN IDRIS (FORMER SELANGOR CHIEF MINISTER), INVOLVING

CORRUPTION, WEAKENS RULING UNITED MALAY NATL ORGANIZATION PARTY. AS RESULT, ONN CONSIDERED POLITICALLY VULNERABLE, BUT PREMATURE REPLACEMENT COULD HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS; MEANWHILE, POWER STRUGGLE HOLDS UP NEW 5-YR PLAN.

12. CHINA

MATHEWS (WP HK) OBSERVES NCNA RAISED NEW QUESTIONS TUES ABOUT HUA'S POL STATUS WITH NEWS DISPATCH ABOUT CHINESE LEADERS ATTENDING MONDAY NIGHT "LEARN-FROM-TACHAI CONFERENCE" THAT GAVE NEARLY EQUAL PROMINENCE TO YEH CHIEN-YING.

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) SEES CHOU EN-LAI ATTAINING NEW STATUS, FAST BECOMING NATIONAL HERO POSTHUMOUSLY, HIS MEMORY BEING INVOKED BY NEW PRC LEADERS AS SYMBOL OF DEDICATION/HARD WORK/BALANCED JUDGMENT THEY SAY COUNTRY'S FUTURE WILL DEMAND.

BUTTERFIELD (HK) CITES PEOPLE'S DAILY'S MONDAY CALL FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT/HARDER WORK/INCREASED EFFICIENCY IN FACTORIES AS PART OF CURRENT EFFORT BY NEW LEADERSHIP TO PUT COUNTRY'S ECONOMY BACK ON COURSE OF SUCCESSFUL GROWTH. UNCLASSIFIED

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BRADSHER (WSTAR 12/10) NOTES "CHINA QUARTERLY," IN LATEST ISSUE, CONCEDES HAVING MISJUDGED YEAR'S PRC SCENE. STATES JOURNAL IN GOOD COMPANY, SINCE THERE HAS BEEN LOT OF REASSESSING CHINESE SCENE THIS YEAR--AND DESPITE SOME NOTABLE BUT LARGELY IGNORED EXCEPTIONS, US AS WHOLE MADE SAME MISTAKES.

13. ANP

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) SAYS AUSSIE BUSINESS LEADERS/FOREIGN INVESTORS JUSTIFIABLY CONFUSED BY RECENT MOVEMENTS IN EXCHANGE RATE OF AUSSIE CURRENCY--AND WAY AHEAD FOR AUSSIE DOLLAR DOES NOT SEEM AT ALL CLEAR.

BARTLETT (CDN 12/16) REGARDS EXPOSE ON CIA BUGGING MICRONESIANS AS ILLUSTRATING PROBLEM OF PROTECTING NATIONAL INTEREST AGAINST SELF-ANOINTED GUARDIANS OF NATIONAL MORALITY.

14. JAPAN

HALL (WSTAR 12/20) REVIEWS POSSIBLE SCENARIOS POST-ELECTION BUT NOTES BOTH LDP/BUSINESS COMMUNITY MOVING TOWARD SERIOUS DIALOGUE W/OPPOSITION. ADDS JAPANESE ELECTORATE REPEATEDLY HAS SHOWN DISLIKE FOR WEAK/DIVIDED LEADERSHIP, NOW PUNISHING LDP FOR ITS OWN DOMESTIC QUARREL. CONCLUDES

MODERATES "HAVING DRAWN BLOOD," HAVE EYE ON JUNE'S UPPER  
HOUSE ELECTIONS, "WILL NOT BE WON OVER EASILY."

15. KOREA

"KOREAN NEWSAPAPER'S" CHUNG KEE YONG, IN WSTAR LETTER  
(12/20), SAYS BRIBERY INVESTIGATION "NOT ENOUGH"; CORRUP-  
TION MUST BE STOPPED AT SOURCE--PARK CHUNG HEE. BELIEVES  
ALL AID TO PARK SHOULD BE STOPPED/ALL POSSIBLE PRESSURES  
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BE EXERTED ON REGIME UNTIL HE RESIGNS. CONCLUDES USG  
SHOULD NOT SUPPORT "TYRANT" WHO HOLDS HUMAN RIGHTS/DEMO-  
CRATIC PROCESS "IN UTTER CONTEMPT."

GRAYSMITH CARTOON (S-F CHRON 12/14) SHOWS MENACING, OCTO-  
PUS-LIKE MONSTER LABELLED, "BRIBES," ENGULFING CAPITOL  
DOME.

CHITRIB REPRINTS MARLETTE (CHARLOTTE OBSERVER) CARTOON  
WHICH DEPICTS RABBIT LABELLED, "KOREAN BRIBERY," PLEADING  
NOT BE THROWN INTO BRIAR PATCH MARKED,"HOUSE ETHICS  
COMMITTEE."  
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